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Citizen Potawatomi Nation brings thousands to Shawnee

Annual Family Reunion Festival honors Native tradition, culture



Citizen Potawatomi Nation members, legislators and guests participate in Grand Entry 2013

More than 5,000 descended on the town of Shawnee the weekend of June 28-30 to celebrate their Citizen Potawatomi Nation heritage. The annual Family Reunion Festival attracts people from all across the United States and has a considerable economic impact on Shawnee.

"Events that draw visitors from outside the area are always welcomed in the community," said Tim Berg, executive director, Shawnee Economic Development Foundation. "Those visiting individuals will purchase goods and services while they are here, which is always welcomed, but more so we also hope they

receive a warm welcome in our community and visit us often."

Visitors to the Family Reunion Festival often stay more than just the weekend and spend time shopping and dining in Shawnee. Michael Bourbonnais and his wife Vivian came from Fresno, CA for festival.

"We will stay here for a week and we'll also be going to the Choctaw Nation," said Bourbonnais. "I haven't been here since 1982, but I like Shawnee very much and we'll come back to visit. I'd maybe even like to live here."

Tribal members spent the weekend connecting with their extended Citizen Potawatomi family and learning about their culture. Tribal members also voted for Legislative seats in two districts and CPN budget items.

The Cultural Heritage Center offered several classes and the language department offered beginners language classes. Classes include arts and crafts, beading,



fringing, moccasin making and feather painting.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Reunion Festival began as a Tribal Powwow, drawing Native Americans from all over the country. After decades as one of the premier powwows in the region, the CPN made the decision to change the event to the Family Reunion Festival, open only to CPN's enrolled members and employees.

Michael and Vivian Bourbonnais traveled from Fresno, Ca. to attend Festival

Roselius, Zientek take first at Citizen Potawatomi Nation powwow

Two Potawatomi Leadership Program counselors took first place in the Men's and Women's dance contest at the CPN Family Reunion Festival powwow.

Austen Roselius won first place dancing the Northern Traditional Dance in the Men's contest and Tesia Zientek took first place dancing Southern Cloth Women's Traditional style in the Women's contest.

Austen, a member of the Vieux family, is 2011 PLP alumni. Austen is currently a student at The University of Oklahoma and is a double major in microbiology and

Native American Studies.

Austen's regalia was pieced together by several people. The crimson color was intentional to reflect his birth order and to show pride in his school.

"I've only been dancing for the past year and I was very surprised when I won. There were a lot of great dancers," said Austen. "It's an honor to even place. I will absolutely dance again."

Tesia, a member of the Whitehead & Weldfelt families, isn't a PLP alumni, but has helped with the



Austin Roselius, Potawatomi Leadership Class 2013 counselor, dances at Grand Entry

program for several years. She has competed at Festival for the past four years.

Tesia's regalia was designed to reflect her Potawatomi name, Jejakwi, which means "Like a Crane." She also carried an extremely special eagle feather fan which was gifted to her by the CPN Employment and Training

department to honor the receipt of her Master's degree from Stanford University (she also holds a Bachelor's Degree from Notre Dame).

"I was shocked to hear my name," Tesia said. "The competition this year was so stiff that I truly believed that I did not even have a shot at placing. In my memory,

this was the most women competing, and as I knew many of the participants, I knew that each woman would do her absolute best. I was honored to compete with them, and I hope to get the opportunity to dance alongside them for many years to come."



Tesia Zientek and Jeremy Bennett at Festival 2013. Tesia and Jeremy have both been involved with PLP

CPN rides out month of severe weather ahead of June Family Reunion Festival

Citizen Potawatomi Nation contributed \$5,000 to the American Red Cross in Pottawatomie County to assist with the disaster relief efforts after an E F-4 tornado damaged hundreds of homes and left residents without a place to live.

“This donation is greatly appreciated and will go so far to meet the needs in the Shawnee and Bethel area,” said Robin Outland, executive director, American Red Cross of Potawatomi County. “Cash donations are critical and are used for shelter, food and financial assistance to families on their road to recovery.”

In addition to financial support, Citizen Potawatomi Nation staff worked throughout the days immediately following the deadly Sunday afternoon tornado to help victims of the storm that ripped through Pottawatomie County.

Firelake Discount Foods provided 100 brown bag lunches for the first responders in the

field Monday afternoon and the FireLake Travel Plaza provided first responders in uniform a free meal.

Grand Casino Hotel and Resort hosted law enforcement agencies Sunday night as they coordinated their response and has provided space for a temporary cell phone tower, since some towers in the area were not functioning.

“We extend our thoughts and prayers to our community and those displaced or injured by the tornadoes,” said John Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. “We remain prepared to assist with recovery efforts in the days and weeks ahead as we rebuild Shawnee.”

CPN's emergency management team also assisted by providing food and water to first responders and had resources on standby to offer when necessary



Citizen Potawatomi Nation contributed \$5,000 to the American Red Cross of Pottawatomie County to help with tornado relief efforts. From left to right: Robin Outland, Executive Director for the American Red Cross in Cleveland, Garvin, McClain and Pontotoc counties; Jake Peters, regional major gift officer, American Red Cross; Janienne Bella, regional CEO, American Red Cross; Linda Capps, Vice Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation; Jason Greenwalt, executive operations coordinator, Citizen Potawatomi Nation.



Firelake Discount Foods made and donated 100 sack lunches for first responders. Katrina Waldrup, Firelake Discount Foods, prepares to deliver the meals.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation also donated the use of a brand new office building near the Grand Casino for the American Red Cross to use as their headquarters during this crisis.

“Our hearts and prayers are with our friends, families and neighbors in Shawnee as they assess the damage from this tornado and begin to rebuild,” said Linda Capps, Vice Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. “We stand ready to help serve our community in any way that we can and we are grateful to the Red Cross for their help.”

The Oklahoma Blood Institute also hosted a blood drive at Firelake Casino and Grand Casino Hotel and Resort.

“Whether it’s due to a weather-related injury or any other health crisis, patients in all area hospitals rely exclusively on



Grand Casino Hotel and Resort employee Glenna Steward delivers donated sandwiches to Andy Lee of the Bethel Acres Fire Department. (Right) (Bottom)

Oklahoma Blood Institute,” said Leslie Gamble, Director of Community Relations, Oklahoma Blood Institute. “OBI donors provide every drop of blood needed in all metro-OKC hospitals and 140 others across

the state. We can’t predict what the future holds, but we know hundreds in our state will need blood this week. Since there is no substitute, supplies must be replenished. We encourage all to make blood donation a priority.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation opens distribution site to help tornado victims

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has opened a distribution site to help the victims of the May 19 and 20 tornadoes in Oklahoma.

Oklahomans needing assistance may call 405-598-0797 to make an appointment. You must make the appointment from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. After hours pickup will be available by appointment.

“We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from around the nation and thankful that we can help our community,” said Margaret Zientek, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. “These items will go so far in assisting tornado victims move forward from this tragedy.”

Items available include toiletries, baby items, water, food, clothing and debris



Citizen Potawatomi Nation employees help unload trucks of donations from across the United States

removal equipment.

"The hearts of people in American are huge," added Zientek. "The willingness to jump in a vehicle and drive a 1,000 miles or more just to help or bring donations. It was actually over-whelming what to do with the phone calls to give help as much as it was trying to reach out to those who needed the help."

CPN is also working with federal agencies and other tribes to assist Native Americans in need, please contact CPN E&T/ Social Services at 405-598-0797 for additional assistance that may be available.

Donations come from across the U.S.

Donations for storm victims came to Citizen Potawatomi Nation from across the United States.

"We have received donations from Feed the Children, individuals, other Tribal Nations, churches and other volunteer groups," said Margaret Zientek. "We are so thankful to everyone who has reached out to offer help."



Save the Children volunteers Steve Decker, Damara Decker, Hanah Crowe, Susan Foley from New York donate items ICW Director Janet Draper.



A group of volunteers from One Life Church in Nebraska donated 500 meals to storm victims.

If you'd like to contribute directly to CPN members effected by the storms, then make checks to: Citizen Potawatomi Nation 1601 South Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801. Please note on the check that it is for storm recovery.

Recording artist and CPN member Carter Sampson aids Pott. County tornado relief

The force of the storms that tore through Oklahoma in May was exceeded by the response from locals and out-of-staters alike." In the aftermath of the tornado that struck the Little Axe and Shawnee Twin Lakes area, Pottawatomie County residents and those from surrounding areas began to flood local aid relief agencies in an effort to pitch in the recovery.

The F-5 tornado that wiped out parts of south Oklahoma City and Moore on May 20 only exacerbated the outpouring by those wanting to help.

While national attention was focused on the destruction in Moore, CPN member Carter Sampson felt that while that mission was important, smaller communities affected also needed help.

"I think sometimes we forget about the smaller communities," she explained in an interview with KGFF's Director of News Michael Dodson. "So I immediately called my bigger family, the Potawatomi Tribe to see if they needed help. They suggested taking donations to the Shawnee Expo Center, because that helps out all of Shawnee."

The recording artist, who is a

descendant of the Greenmore family, used her 23 foot Recreational Vehicle to transport supplies donated by Oklahoma City residents.

"Okies are amazing people," said Sampson. "I had a guy drive up while we were collecting donations who said he hadn't had time to buy anything, so instead he handed us several hundred dollars. That to me is amazing; that people are willing to give that much to people they don't know."

For those interested in donating money to the relief effort in Pottawatomie County, FireLake Designs is donating proceeds from "Oklahoma Strong" t-shirts to relief funds for those affected by the twisters. Please see the link above or contact Jamie Johnson at 405-878-8770 or Jamie.johnson@potawatomi.org.

If you'd like to know more about Carter Sampson and her musical career, check out her Facebook page or her website, www.cartersampson.net.



Photo courtesy of www.cartersampson.net

Citizen Potawatomi Nation nurse rescues elders, child during recent flood

Arlene Jaquez was in a similar situation that many Oklahoma City-area residents found themselves on May 31 when tornado producing storms hit. Caught in rush hour traffic swollen with citizens trying to escape the approaching storms, Jaquez and her family were away from her home on southwest 61st Street in south Oklahoma City.

"My father was driving and people everywhere were panicking, trying to get to shelter," recalled Jaquez. When I felt the truck move from the winds, I told him to pull over and we sought shelter along with 15 other people outside of a business. It was locked, but we finally got inside and rode out the storm."

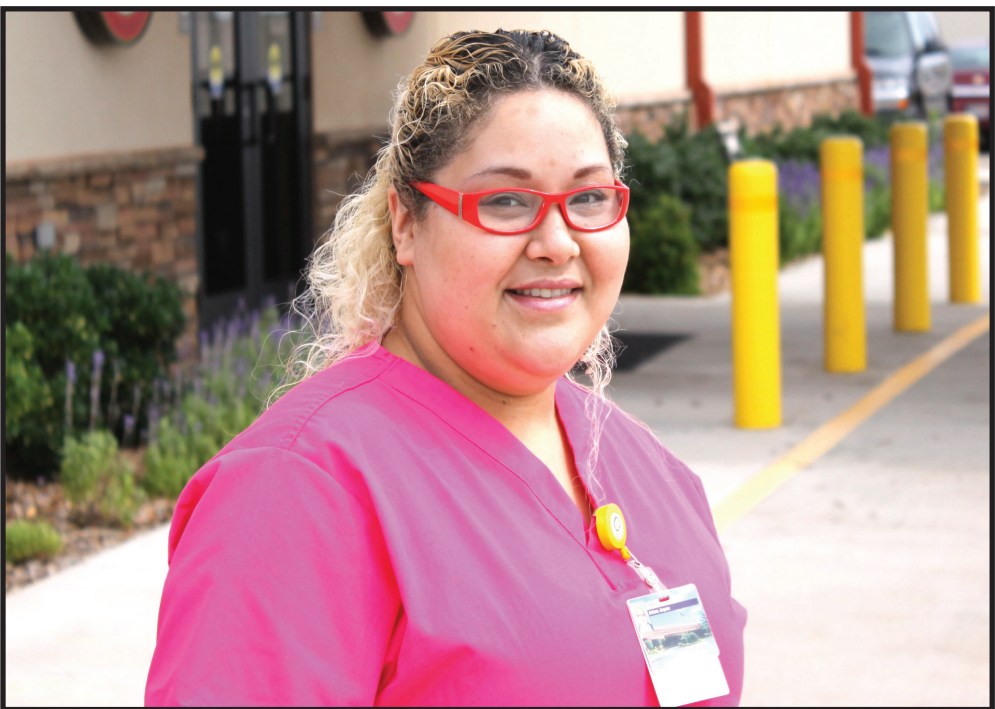
When the tornado sirens finally stopped, a torrential rain continued to soak large parts of the metro area. Jaquez and her family tried to again wait out the weather, this time closer to home in a Wal-Mart parking lot, but eventually decided to try and walk to her home. Driving was impossible, with streets full of cars and flooded with rain.

"We finally got to my street, and just looking at it when it's dry, you wouldn't think it could hold that much water. But it was completely flooded. My 2010 Honda Civic had water up to the roof, and it was a foot deep inside my house," said Jaquez.

Standing in the yard with her family and neighbors, Jaquez tried to warn approaching motorists who tried to drive through the flooded street. One car, a green Ford Taurus, tried to drive through despite Jaquez and her neighbors' effort to keep them from going through. The low sitting automobile stalled out.

"I was frustrated at first because they ignored us, or couldn't see us and drove right into the water," she explained. "But then I saw a little kid in the back seat, so I went into the water and checked on them. The little boy in the backseat, he was panicking, and I told the two adults in the front seat they needed to get out of the car."

The driver said he couldn't, explaining that he was having chest



CPN West Clinic nurse Arlene Jaquez.

pains, which was why he was trying to go down the flooded street. Jaquez took the boy out of the car to higher ground, and with the help of her father and neighbors, got the two adults out.

"I told my Dad to get some aspirin for the man having chest pains. Then I began checking his vitals."

All turned out to be ok, and later in the evening as Jaquez stood outside her flooded home talking about the incident with her next door neighbor, she heard what she described as "birds squeaking."

After listening to the sound a little longer, Jaquez and her neighbor found a litter of kittens had been washed up next to a house by the floodwaters. One had already drowned, but they pulled the rest from the rising water and put them in the box.

"The mother cat, who we thought

was just a crazy stray earlier in the night, came once we put the kittens in the box and began nursing them," said Jaquez. "I'm not a cat person, but those kittens had my heart after that."

Unfortunately for Jaquez, along with the loss of her car, she also found out that her homeowners insurance didn't cover floods.

"I'm basically under insured because my current policy won't cover all the damage. I don't know how I missed it, because I read my policy each year when I renew it, but I didn't have flood insurance. I'm covered for volcano eruptions of all things. It's devastating," she said.

Jaquez is currently negotiating with her insurance company to find out how much they will cover and what costs she will have to pay for on her own. Despite the incredible losses

she's incurred, Jaquez showed up for work the next week with a positivity her colleagues at the CPN West Clinic praised.

In an email to staff, CPN West Clinic Business Office



Jaquez's cars, seen airing out here, were both parked in the street with water over the rooves during the flash flood.

Oklahoma Strong t-shirts from Firelake Designs will help tornado victims

Firelake Designs will be donating proceeds from this "Oklahoma Strong" t-shirt to the tragedy relief funds in Pottawatomie County.

The shirts are \$16 and will be printed on white or grey t-shirts. There will be a CPN Seal printed as a back tag.

When placing your orders please direct your phone calls and emails to Jamie Johnson at 405-878-8770 or jamie.johnson@potawatomi.org.

You will need the following when placing your order:

- Shirt Color (white or grey shirt)
- Design (Red or Blue text)
- Size
- Payment method



Tribal elder Beverly Hughes reflects on her past work for Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is Pottawatomie County’s largest employer with an economic impact of more than \$500 million and has come a long way from the days when tribal services were conducted by volunteers and run out of the old trailer.

Amongst many others who worked for the tribe before and after the landmark 1975 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, tribal elder Beverly Hughes witnessed the changes first hand. Elected Secretary Treasurer in 1970, she served on the five person Business Council, then the tribe’s governing body.

Her primary work was serving the tribe to get contact information for members in order to get out the per capita payment from the government. To accomplish this, Hughes secured a \$25,000

produce it every quarter to keep our members informed.”

The 1970s were a time of increased independence for Native American tribes across the country. For the first time in centuries, the rights of self-governance were given to the tribes themselves, albeit with oversight still in the hands of the Bureau of Indian affairs. Tribes, who had always been sovereign entities, finally had the independence to act in the interests of their members. These changes also saw the establishment of cultural aspects that had been neglected under BIA oversight. For the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the duty of codifying the tribe’s proper spelling and designing a tribal seal fell to Secretary -Treasurer Hughes.

“We had an intertribal meeting for the tribes in the Shawnee



Hughes, seen here during the 1970s in her tribal office.



Beverly (center) with her granddaughters Bree Dunham and Jennifer Randell. Dunham and Randell are in charge of the CPN Eagle Aviary.

federal grant to fund the outreach effort. The result of this was the publishing of the very first edition of the Hownikan, which was printed on a Community Health Representative Xerox machine.

“All I was trying to do was give people an update on what we were doing and what services we provided,” explained Hughes. “It seemed pretty popular, so from then on we tried to

area (Iowa, Sac & Fox, Absentee Shawnee, Kickapoo and Citizen Potawatomi), and our chairman at the time needed a tribal seal and flag for the meeting. So we talked about it, I went out and bought some materials and came up with the first seal we’d ever had,” said Hughes.

In a later meeting, a BIA staffer explained the need to get a consistent spelling of

the tribe’s name. For years confusion had reigned over the multiple spellings, the two most popular of which were Potawatomi and Pottawatomie.

“They said they were going to spell it the same as the county,” recalled Hughes, “but I told them that we were separate from the county. We were an entity unto ourselves, so we made it Potawatomi.”

FireLake Ball Fields host Jim Thorpe Native American Games

During the week of June 10-15, the Jim Thorpe Native American Games brought together nearly 2,000 Native American Athletes from 70 tribes to participate in 11 different sports. For the first year, FireLake Ball Fields hosted the softball portion of the event.

“We haven’t been open very long, but we’ve already made a name for ourselves in the sports world,” said Jason O’Connor, FireLake Ball Fields director. “Teams, coaches and fans enjoy our facilities and we continue to book bigger and better tournaments. We are very excited to have the Jim Thorpe Games here this year.”

The sports competition celebrates the life of Jim Thorpe and is a non-profit organization that encourages excellence in sports, academics, health and fitness. The Games showcase the talent of Native American athletes and builds pride and positive lifestyles among Native Americans.

“It’s really important for us to help promote the talent we have in the Native American community and help encourage healthy lifestyles,” added O’Connor. “It’s really a win-win for us because we get to



Members of the Shawnee Pride pose during a break in the softball tournament.

help educate the public on health, great Native American athletes and our new facilities.”

CPN cultural activities coordinator and tribal member Coby Lehman attended the softball tournament to watch his daughter, Mikayla Lehman, play in her first ever Jim Thorpe Games. Her team, the Shawnee Pride, finished third in the 14-and-under girl’s fast pitch division.

“I just wanted to play with other fellow Native Americans to honor Jim Thorpe, the greatest athlete ever,” said Mikayla. “My favorite part is just being around friends and getting to meet new people.”

Thousands travelled to Shawnee over the week and through the weekend to participate and watch the Games. FireLake Ball Fields financial impact is an important part of the local economy around CPN headquarters as well as the surrounding Tecumseh and Shawnee areas.

Construction of the FireLake Ball Fields began in spring 2011, and opened in March 2012. From February to November, it hosts league play throughout the week in addition to the weekend tournaments. The complex hosts prestigious tournaments like the Jim Thorpe Games, Oklahoma Baptist University’s Softball Festival, the OSSA High School State Championships for all classes and the USSSA World Series for the six-and-under, seven-and-under and eight-and-under divisions.



The Ball Fields at FireLake have been a popular place for softball tournaments.

Hughes eventually left the Business Council, and retired from Tinker Air Force base after nearly twenty years of service there. Looking back over her time working for the tribe, some of it spent as a volunteer, the Bruno-Rhodd-Bourbonais descendant is excited for the future of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

“I know going way back, Chairman Barrett wanted every member to have the benefits and services we provide wherever they lived. With as many members that we have, that isn’t always possible now. But is his goal to accomplish that before he leaves office. We aren’t the richest tribe, but we will get there. And when we do, we will be able to help everyone regardless of where they are,” said Hughes.

Though retired, she still attends tribal functions and is a mainstay at the CPN Eagle Aviary, which is managed by her two granddaughters Jennifer Randell and Bree Dunham. As the person responsible for the paying out of the tribe’s last per capita payment in 1981, she explained why she thought the ending of payments and moving toward the tribe’s current strategy of reinvesting money into health care, commercial enterprises, education and

social services was a good idea.

“Our old payments were repayments for land taken from our ancestors in the Great Lakes region,” explained Hughes.

In the 1970s, the tribe hired lawyers who assessed the value of those lands at the time of their transfer from the Potawatomi to the U.S. government. The subsequent settlement on behalf of the federal government in the 1970s as compensation was paid out to surviving Potawatomi tribal members. Hughes oversaw the final distribution of that sum, and pointed out the interest on that total is now used to fund the Health Aids Foundation and tribal scholarships.

“A few years ago I ran into a tribal member who asked me when we were getting our next payment. He’d just had heart surgery, and in his hand was a bag of prescriptions from our tribal pharmacy. I asked him how much he thought his surgery and medicine would have cost if he’d had to pay for it himself. He looked at me astonished and admitted, ‘Beverly, I hadn’t even thought about that. I am so grateful for the tribe because I’d never have been able to pay for this’. I looked at him and said ‘That is why it’s better to reinvest it’.”

FireLake Classic closes another year as Pool take 'Championship flight'

FireLake Classic closes another year with Pool taking the Championship

In the other five flights, the winners were as follows:

- A Flight: Joe Trevino
- B Flight: Zac Larman
- C Flight: Jimmy Fritz
- D Flight: Colton Sonsalla
- E Flight: Nashoba Simmons

Zac Pool led the pack for two days, shooting 133 to capture the Championship flight at the 29th annual FireLake Classic. The tournament, hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and FireLake Golf Course, had 85 players in six divisions compete this year.

Chris Chesser, FireLake Golf Course Manager, commented on this year’s successful competition. “The FireLake Classic is important to the golf course and the tribe because it is our ‘club championship’. We have a lot of locals and tribal members come out each year, so a lot of people know one another. It is a good atmosphere.”



Shawnee's Jamie Branch tees off at the 2013 FireLake Classic



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Mark Harmon Celebrity Weekend rides out rough weather for local charity at FireLake Bowling Center

On May 31, NCIS star Mark Harmon, and a group of his celebrity friends, gathered to raise money to support local non-profit organizations. The 13th annual event kicked off in Shawnee with the Stars & Strikes Bowling night at FireLake Bowling Center.

“This event is all about kids and raising money to provide opportunities for them,” said Chris Skillings, director, FireLake Bowling Center. “We’re happy to help support these organizations and provide a nice location for this fun event.”

Celebrities bowled on a team against local sponsored teams. The event also included a live and silent auction and

live entertainment. Tickets to attend are available for \$125 at FireLake Bowling Center.

Due to the heavy rains and storms that blew through the areas on the 31st the scheduled celebrity baseball game at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City was unfrotunately cancelled.

Proceeds for this year’s events will benefit the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic, The Anna’s House Foundation and Big Brothers Big Sisters Shawnee office. The fundraising goal is \$400,000. However, participants who weathered the May 31 storms came the next night to complete the bowling tournament.



Aaron Capps, Roy and Julia Slavin, and Connie and David Barrett ride out the storms at the Mark Harmon bowling event.



Team Jimmy O is just one of the teams to help raise money for Oklahoma charities at the Mark Harmon event

Officer Mckechnie of CPN Police Department honored for excellent police work

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department honored CPN Police Officer Mike Mckechnie for his dedication to the department and excellent police work. A traffic stop initiated by Mckechnie resulted in the end of a multi-state crime spree.

“Officer Mckechnie is a very hard worker,” said Major Kurt Shirley, CPN Police Department. “He goes out and looks for ways to protect and serve; He’s very active in what he does.”

A routine stop for traffic violations resulted in Mckechnie determining that the vehicle was stolen and that the suspects were using bogus names. Mckechnie removed the suspects from the vehicle and placed them under arrest. While conducting an inventory of the vehicle, officers found stolen merchandise and materials used to manufacture methamphetamine.

“It takes all of us working together to get the job done,” said Mckechnie. “We have backup and great teamwork in everything we do.”

Officers helping with the arrest and investigation include Mike Hendrickson, Russell Ross, Detective Lee Minick, Indian Child Welfare detective Latrenda Sanders and reserve officer Angie Dawkins. Officer



Officer Mckechnie was honored for excelent police work. From left to right: Judge Lujan, Officer Mckechnie and Police Chief Jim Collard.

Mckechnie has been with the CPNPD for two years.

“I am happy to see our agencies working together,” said Judge Lujan, CPN

Court. “This is an effort for the courts, the police department and ICW to work together and make our community safer.”



Bozho,

I received an email the other day from one of my high school buddies, who is also retired from the military, which suggested the military recruiting system is backwards. You can’t be older than 42 to join the Armed Forces. If you’re over 60 you are too old to hunt terrorists.

Instead of sending 18 year olds off to fight, they should use us old guys. You shouldn’t be allowed to enlist until you’re at least 35. Young guys haven’t lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. “My back hurts! I can’t sleep! I’m tired and hungry!”

We are bad tempered and impatient and just maybe letting us kill some insurgent that deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18 year old doesn’t even like to get up before 10 a.m. and old guys always get up early for a call of nature, so...since we’re already up and can’t sleep, we might as well be hunting the enemy.

If captured we couldn’t tell anything, because we can’t remember anything that isn’t written down. In fact, name, rank and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys, because we’re used to being screamed and yelled at. We’ve also developed an appreciation for guns. We’ve been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course however. I’ve

been involved in combat and never saw a single 20 foot wall with a rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training. Actually, running is a waste of energy too, I’ve never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18 year old has the whole world ahead of him. He’s still learning to shave, to start a conversation with a pretty girl and hasn’t figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head.

These are good reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more before sending them off to fight. Let us old guys track down those terrorists. The last thing an enemy wants to see is a couple million cranky old men with bad attitudes and automatic weapons who know their best years are already behind them.

How about recruiting women over 50? If you think cranky old men are super soldiers, why, one woman would be worth ten old guys! Just saying.

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the new time of 6:00 p.m. in the North Reunion Hall on the CPN Pow-Wow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome. We plan to continue the practice of smudging, the cleansing ceremony, at the meetings if weather permits. For more information about our organization and how to become a member, you can attend one of our meetings or visit our website at www.cpnveterans.org.

Migwetch,

Daryl Talbot, Commander

Potawatomi Cornerstone

By Charles Clark, Director Tribal Rolls

Bozho,

Welcome to another addition of the Potawatomi Cornerstone. This issue features Tasha Nail-Alves, a member of the Milot family that worked in the Tribal Rolls department for over seven and a half years. She not only served this department above and beyond, but did so for our tribal members as well. Tasha has been with Tribal Rolls longer than any other staff member that I have had and will surely be missed.

Tasha started working here just after the Cultural Heritage Center opened, specializing in new enrollments and family trees, and eventually becoming Assistant Tribal Rolls Director. A few years ago she got married and now has two beautiful kids that need her more.

Tasha and her husband Josinei, from Sao Paulo Brazil, have two kids. Rhalyn who is three, and Rhyan who is 8 months are now tribal members. When Tasha

gave me the news of her leaving, it was for understandable reason of needing to be there for her children, in addition to taking care of a foster child.

Josinei is working at Eaton Corporation as a supervisor and both felt it was time for her to be a stay-at-home mom.

I asked Tasha about her experience working here at the CPN. She said her time here was enjoyable and she loved working with the family histories. It can be said that her major contribution for CPN was bringing the past alive, connecting missing families and helping our tribal members solve the many mysteries of their ancestors lives.

Over the last several years Tasha has helped several families connect with the tribe by tying in their bloodline so they could become members.

“This was a life changing experience for many of these people,” Tasha said, adding “almost a personal awakening, you’re lost and now you are found. I know who I am now.”



Josinei, Tasha and Rhalyn Alves.

For many, discovering who their ancestor were, things started to make sense as to why grandpa and grandma and other family members

behaved the way they did.

What does it mean to be Potawatomie for Tasha? According to her, “Working

here brought me closer to the tribe and the involvement made me feel like it was my tribe.”

In her unique position she has not only helped countless families come together, but her own family as well, and was able to open up and discover her own past. Something that she plans on is to teach her kids to keep the family heritage preserved as well as our tribal heritage.

For the work that she has done, especially with the family trees have never been done before to the extent that she has taken with them, and we should all be thankful for her work in preserving such a large segment of the tribe’s family history.

According to Tasha, “that’s how I want to be remembered.”

Tasha lives in the town of Tecumseh not far from tribal headquarters and has no plans to become a stranger around here and will continue to be a valuable member and participant in activities of the tribe despite no longer working here.

We will all miss Tasha as a fellow employee, good luck.

The Potawatomi naming ceremony

An aspect of traditional Potawatomi culture, the naming ceremony, has reemerged in recent years. Traditionally, Potawatomi believe that when a child is born, the spirits of the four directions (wisdom, east; compassion, south; courage, west and generosity, north) cannot see their face. In order to show the child to the spirits, the tribe would have a ceremony and the child was given a name.

Centuries of forced removals and interactions with Jesuit missionaries curbed the practice, but in an effort to strengthen our tribal bonds, members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation have conducted several ceremonies in recent years.

Before a naming ceremony takes place, an individual seeking to be named must find two sponsors, a man and a woman, who will go through the ceremony with them. The sponsors are like godparents, and their role is to watch over the individual being named throughout their life.

To properly request a name, a person should give a gift of tobacco to the person they are requesting name them. In order to give a name, a person asks for a little background on their life and interests. When naming a child, it is important to remember that you don't give a



A recent naming ceremony at the Branson, Mo. regional meeting.

title like "Little Bunny" that they may outgrow. Instead, sponsors should give one their recipient can aspire to as they become adults.

Prior to the naming ceremony, the

person conducting the naming ceremony will smudge everyone who is participating with sage in order to cleanse the mind and spirit of negative energy. The ceremony takes place in a circle,

and upon entering from the east, individuals give an offering of water and tobacco with their left hand. A fire burns in the middle while participants, both sponsors and those being named,

offer prayers and tobacco to the four directions while walking clockwise around the flame.

The naming process can vary, but generally the person conducting the ceremony tells a little bit about those seeking to be named and offers a prayer to the Creator. The names are then given when an eagle feather is laid across the chest of each participant. Their Potawatomi names are spoken to the four directions, and everyone leaves the circle to the East.

The final portion of the ceremony, the postnaming meal, is extremely important. Breaking bread with those who have named you is key to completing the process.

In the times before the removal period, elders of each family would conduct naming ceremonies for newborns and young children. The fact remains that after decades of lost practices, many elders do not have Potawatomi names themselves. Therefore, in the spirit of the older ways, we believe that once a name has been bestowed on you, you have the responsibility of being naming, no matter your age.

If you're interested in learning more about how to get a Potawatomi name, please contact the Language Department at www.potawatomi.org/lang.

New Marine Exhibit highlights Potawatomi history from the Great Lakes era

Work at the Citizen Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center continues on a number of exhibitions, part of a multi-year project to educate tribal members and the visiting public on the history of the Potawatomi and Neshnabek.

still have with the Great Lakes.

Cultural Heritage Center Archivist and Curator Blake Norton explained the display's significance, saying, "This area is meant to exhibit Neshnabek and Potawatomi life both

and Kansas, eventual migration to, effects of and prominent rise in Oklahoma, up to the present. The goal of the gallery is to depict defining eras that helped preserve and continue to reconstruct Citizen Potawatomi life and culture. Said Norton, "The goal



This new exhibit will feature the Potawatomi Great Lakes Era

A new exhibit at the CHC is the Marine Exhibit. The exhibit depicts a Potawatomi man spearfishing from a birch bark canoe on a Great Lakes waterway. The display contains detailed examples of tools and techniques used by the Potawatomi to survive and prosper in their traditional homes near the Great Lakes.

The vignette serves as the center piece of the larger multi-sensory marine exhibit that will include cultural and historical narratives, imagery, artifacts, media and digital interactives. All will exhibit the symbiotic bond that the Potawatomi had and

chronologically and culturally from pre-history to removal. The exhibit will touch upon spiritual, cultural, social and historical aspects of the Potawatomi and Neshnabek derived from a marine environment."

The Marine Exhibit is part of the Potawatomi Lifeways displays that dominate the south side of the gallery. This area is meant to exhibit Neshnabek and Potawatomi life both chronologically and culturally from pre-history to removal. Moving to the north side of the gallery, we will explore the tribe's arrival in Missouri, Iowa

of the gallery is to depict defining eras that helped preserve and continue to reconstruct Citizen Potawatomi life and culture."

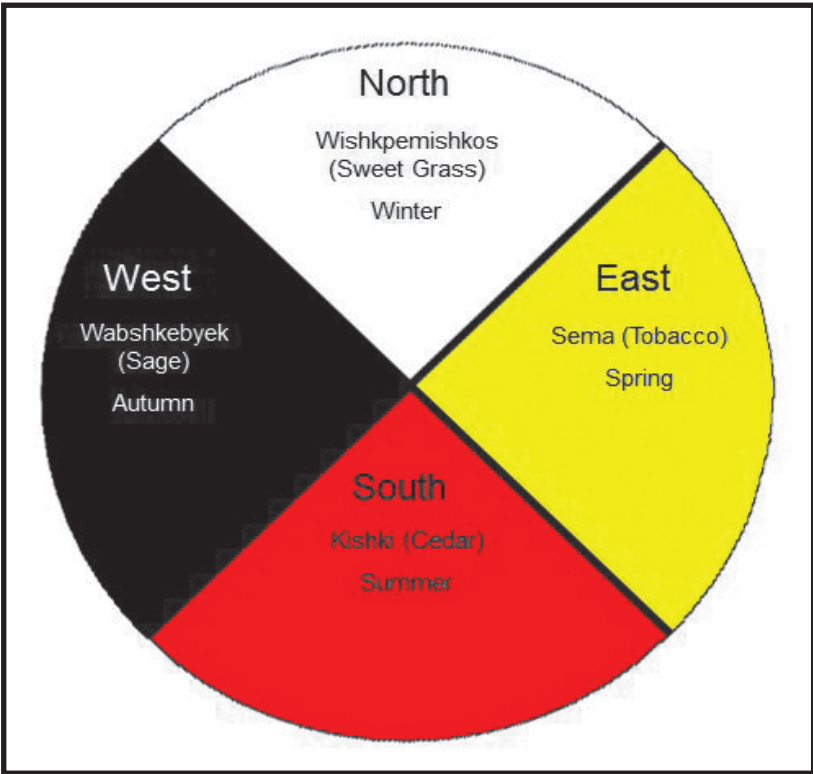
According to Norton, the marine exhibit's construction is progressing as planned and should be completed sometime in early 2014. Once finished, the Marine Exhibit will be a permanent fixture of the Citizen Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center, but is being built to allow for future modifications.

The Potawatomi Medicine Wheel

Many Native American tribes recognize the significance of the medicine wheel, the colors and directions that are associated with them.

For the Potawatomi, the East is the direction of new beginnings and life, and signifies springtime. It is associated with the color yellow and the Potawatomi medicine of sema (tobacco). As an elder once said, "Sema precedes all things," meaning tobacco is used by the tribe as a blessing before starting a ceremony or gathering.

South is the color of red, and signifies the summertime, when the weather is warm. It is the direction of abundance and plenty, and is the direction of the medicine kishki (cedar). Kishki is used to prepare for ceremonies, and there is a tradition of a trail of cedar from the fire to the sweat lodge. Pipes belonging to tribal members that were



made of cedar would be laid on the ground between the two structures. Kishki is also mixed into tobacco to provide enough smoke to get the attention of the spirits who will see the prayers of the Potawatomi. Cedar boxes are also used to keep mites and other insects off of ceremonial eagle feathers.

West is the direction of the medicine wabshkebyek (sage) and its color, black. Sage is used in the practice of smudging, where smoke is wafted over a person to rid the body of negativity. In fact, prior to CPN Legislative meetings, it is not uncommon for a smudging ceremony to take place prior to representatives and government officials commencing regular business. In the case of eagle feathers, smudging is used to cleanse the feathers. West also signifies the season of fall and of endings, and Potawatomi beliefs traditionally held that once a person

passed on, they moved in that direction. This is why traditional burial ceremonies held that bodies were passed out a Western window.

North on the Potawatomi medicine wheel is the color of white, and is the direction of elders and winter time. In the days when the Potawatomi lived in their traditional lands near the Great Lakes, the winter snows were thought have a cleansing power on the land. This is also the time of the year that the spirits are asleep, which is why winter stories are only told during this time. White's medicine is wishkpemishkos (sweet grass), which attracts positive spirits and used after a smudging of sage.

The medicine wheel is a teaching tool that is intended to help people remember these important and significant aspects of life. Life itself is viewed not as a line, but rather a cyclical thing that has its own seasons of life, death and renewal.

Health Aids assists in medical device costs

Many tribal members know that as enrolled citizens, they are entitled to the benefits provided by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as well as services provided by access to Indian Health Service Clinic. However, once the doctor’s appointment concludes, some patients find themselves facing steep bills to pay for medical devices such as dentures, eye glasses and other mobility and disability health aids.

In the 1970s, the tribe established the Health Aids Program initially with set-aside funds from the Indian Claims Commission per capita payments. It was part of a settlement plan under the 1948 Indian Claims Commission legislation that required tribes to retain a portion of their claims settlements in trust. The CPN plan split tribal trust funds with 50 percent for Health Aids and 50 percent for education funding after several small per capita payments back in the 1960’s.

CPN’s Health Aid Program presently run by Amber Brewer, a 15 year tribal employee will soon be merged with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services Program. This program has been the primary source of the funds for medical devices that include eyeglasses and dentures through the clinic. Since the program formerly run as the Health Aids Program duplicates this service, and the primary use of the trust funds is college scholarships, they are being



Health Aid assistant Brittany Sturm inputs information for a CPN member seeking financial assistance for a set of eye glasses

merged into one larger tribal clinic program.

“We have more than 14,000 tribal members eligible, but we end up serving about 200 a month,” said Brewer. “Some people feel like it is welfare, others have said they don’t want to deal with filling out

an application and some just don’t know they’re eligible. We are here to help, but people have to be proactive to utilize our service.”

The foundation’s services are only open to tribal members born by December 31, 1976. Those members are eligible for

reimbursement of up to 75 percent of the cost of the device. Each individual has a \$750 limit per year. If patients have insurance plans that cover prosthetic devices, the Health Aids Program will pay 75 percent of the remaining balance on that total with a limit of \$750 for the year.

To secure reimbursement, eligible members must get an itemized statement of the medical device or equipment from a vendor or prescribing physician. That itemized statement along with a Health Aid application must be submitted to the Health Aids Program office for approval. Within four to six weeks, tribal members who have applied should hear whether they have been approved.

“Our biggest challenge is helping people understand that we do not cover 100 percent of their costs, and we never have,” explained Brittany Sturm. “Sometimes people get frustrated by that, but ultimately when they think about the total costs they would incur without Health Aids, they’re happy. For us, it’s nice being able to help.”

“It helps tribal members out, many who are elders on fixed incomes,” said Brewer. “In other circumstances, they couldn’t afford these items. But it also serves tribal members who aren’t able to get access to an Indian clinic. Helping cut their medical costs is another way of the tribe helping out even those who aren’t in the immediate community.”

If you’d like to know more about Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s Health Aids Program, please visit their webpage at www.potawatomi.org/services/health/health-aid-program. For any questions, tribal members are encouraged to contact Amber Brewer at arbrewer@potawatomi.org or 405-275-3121.

Language with Justin

Justin Neely,

Director ,CPN Language Department

By the time this addition comes out we will have wrapped up the festival and will be getting ready for the language conference and gathering in Dowaic, Mich. This year the Pokagon Potawatomi will be hosting. The dates which include the language conference are August 4-11. The Gathering of Nations starts on Thursday and wraps up Sunday. The language conference precedes the gathering by a couple of days, and if you have never attended, I would highly recommend doing so. The Pokagon have a website, where you can get more information, www.potawatomigathering.com.

Also in July, part of the language department staff will be attending a Potawatomi immersion camp being hosted by

the Forest County Potawatomi in Crandon,Wis. on July 15-19. The seven Potawatomi bands in the U.S. have collectively organized this event, and we are quite excited that we have moved in the direction of immersion. Immersion is considered the best technique when it comes to learning a language. In fact, in a grant we recently applied for, we are proposing that we host four immersion camps per year. We don’t know yet if we have received the grant, but should know by August.

At this year's festival we tried something different and had a scavenger hunt, but instead of a normal one, this scavenger hunt was in the Potawatomi language. We listed a location and then put information about it in Potawatomi. Participants would have to read Potawatomi to guess the clues in order to locate the spot. After going to each location

participants found a card and then were put in a drawing for prizes. In next month’s Hownikan we will list the winners and those who participated in the game.

We are in the final stages of our newest dictionary update. Our previous one on www.potawatomi.org had 1,900 words, while this newer version should have closer to 5,200. These words come from a variety of sources which I have collected over the last 15 or so years. The dictionary can be downloaded onto your computer. Sadly there is not a mac version at this time. It can be printed out in a book format and then bound up. The exciting part is that it allows you to add sound files to the words, and we will be adding a number of these in order to enhance the usefulness of the dictionary. We have taken a number of clips from some of our elders who have passed on so that you

can hear Potawatomi spoken by first language speakers. In doing this, we hope you will enjoy this and take the time to learn a little of your language.

The Forest County Potawatomi are also working on a dictionary project which is nearing the final stages. They have been working quite hard on it and it should be released sometime this summer or early fall. I do not have specific information about but I do know they mean to make it available for anyone to use. Currently Jim Thunder has his books I, II, and III available online at <http://www.fcpotawatomi.com/culture-and-history>.

You can download both the booklets and the audio files. Jim Thunders books are quite good. In fact, they were what I used when first starting with the language. Also you may want to check out www.potawatomi.org

potawatomilanguage.org which is hosted by the Hannahville Potawatomi. Many of the seven bands in the U.S. and two in Canada have started putting more language and cultural information on their respective websites. You can also find some lessons and stories we have done online at my Youtube page, www.youtube.com/user/neelyjustin.

We are very excited about the number of activities and resources which are soon to be available to learners of the Potawatomi language. Also don’t forget we have online classes which are also available.

If you’d like to learn more about our work at the CPN Language Department, please visit our website at www.potawatomi.org/lang.

Migwetch

CPN member studies food security among Citizen Potawatomi Nation households

Jeremy Bennett, CPN member and Oklahoma State University graduate, recently completed research to determine the food security among Native Americans in Pottawatomie County. The research included information on how education, employment, and income levels affect food security in households and Bennett hopes that it will influence legislation aimed at Native Americans.

“Not only was this a research project, but it has an educational component for others,” said Bennett. “I was able to educate the families I spoke with about resources available to them and I hope that this research will influence people who create legislation.”

Bennett’s research found that education and employment are directly correlated to food security. Households where someone had obtained a high school diploma were more food secure than those in households where no one had obtained a high school diploma.

“I learned that having an education was the most crucial

factor for being food secure,” Bennett added. “Even when considering unemployment and income levels, households with a high school diploma were most food secure.”

Bennett conducted a survey of 200 households in Pottawatomie County. His research offers a snapshot of Native Americans food security and offers recommendations for areas of more research and policy recommendations.

Bennett also found that CPN tribal elders ranked among the top when it comes to food security.

“The tribe is doing something very well to take care of the elderly,” added Bennett. “Food, housing and transportation programs are helping them stay food secure.”

Food security has to do with the quantity of food available. Bennett earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Science in 2011 and his Masters of Science in Agricultural Economics in 2013 from Oklahoma State University. He is a member of the Bostick family and is now working for the tribe in the Environmental Department.



Jeremy Bennett and Vice-President, Dean, and Director of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University, Dr. Mike Woods

Gathering of Nations scheduled for August

Each year Citizen Potawatomi Nation provides free bus travel for CPN tribal members and their immediate families so that they may travel to the annual Gathering. Tribal members are responsible for their lodging, meals and incidentals. The bus will leave from tribal headquarters in Shawnee, Okla. one or two days prior to the first day of the Gathering and begins its return on last day of the Gathering.

The 2013 Potawatomi Gathering will be hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and will take place from Aug. 4-11, 2013 at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI. If you are planning to attend, please contact Cathie Hanson at 405-275-3121 x 1434 or 800-880-9880 to reserve your place on the bus.

Hownikan

CPN Member, Navy Veteran, discovers her heritage

At the tribe's regional meetings throughout the country, one individual is awarded a Pendleton blanket for having travelled the longest distance to get there. If tribal member Gwen (Welfelt) Pellegrino were in attendance at one of those gatherings, the amount of miles she travelled might be difficult to top.

Pellegrino, a member of the Welfelt family, is a dual American-Australian citizen. Her great grandfather, Samuel Welfelt was once a student at Sacred Heart School south of the tribe's current headquarters. His son was born in Topeka, Kans. and moved to the state of Washington. That is where her father, Theodore Welfelt Sr. was born in 1919. After attending several Indian boarding schools in the Pacific Northwest and graduating from high school, Theodore joined the U.S. Navy prior to WWII as a radioman. During the war he ascended to the theater's highest rank as a radio operator and was stationed

in Freemantle, Australia. It was there he met Gwen's mother, Shirley Burton, who was a member of the Australian Army.

"My grandmother was a hotelier and got to know the Americans who were stationed there. She met my father through that and invited him to dinner where he met my mother, and by 1945 they were married," remembered Pellegrino.

Her father served in the Navy through the Korean War, before retiring in the mid-1950s. Gwen, who was born in 1957 at the San Diego Naval Hospital, moved with the family upon his retirement to her mother's home city of Perth, Australia. Gwen was raised there along with her brother Ted and sister Mariah-Lynn, and upon graduating high school, became a licensed practitioner nurse. Around the age of 20, Theodore Sr. received notice of his allotment check, and brought Gwen along with him to the U.S. to claim it. Though



Theodore Welfelt Jr.

she knew of her Potawatomi heritage, for the first time Gwen was able to meet relatives and visit the Indian schools her father had attended growing up.

"It was really a good experience travelling with him and learning about his life and my heritage. We went back to an alumni meeting at one of his schools, and he was telling the then current students about the time capsules he and his classmates had buried there," recalled Pellegrino.

After her trip to the U.S., Pellegrino decided to enter the U.S. Navy like her father and older brother Ted, who had served during Vietnam.

"It was the family business," she explained, "and as a plus it provided me the opportunity to travel."

Her urge to travel was answered, as she found herself stationed in Annapolis, Md., Grand Turks and Caicos in the Caribbean, and finally back to her father's home state of Washington. During this time Theodore Sr. was receiving treatment at the U.S. Naval hospital where Gwen was stationed, and the two lived together while he was there.

After five years of service, Pellegrino left the Navy in 1982 and returned to Australia. Though she moved into a quieter and more settled life, she began to research her Potawatomi background after coming across her tribal enrollment card.

"I got on the Internet to do some research and see what it was about. That was the turning point that eventually led me to Shawnee, where I'd never actually been during my time living in the U.S.," said Pellegrino.

She returned to the U.S. in mid-2009 and travelled to Shawnee, where she began working at FireLake Discount Foods. During this time she learned more about her Potawatomi heritage and attended events like the Annual Family Festival as well as the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations.

Returning to Australia for a year to sell her home at the end of 2010, she is now back in Shawnee. Pellegrino currently attends St. Gregory's University, which is a successor to Sacred Heart School, where her great grandfather was educated more than a century ago.

Pellegrino, whose Potawatomi name is Aptegishgokwe

(Half-Sky Woman), admitted that having her kids and grandchildren in Australia was difficult. However, she said "I've been thrilled and delighted by how progressive and caring the tribe is in caring for other people. A lot of their programs involve the whole community, and it makes one want to stay around as a part of it."



Gwen Welfelt Pellegrino



Theodore Welfelt Sr.

Indian Child Welfare always in the mind of Foster Care and Adoption Specialist Darla Courtney

Since the 1978 passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act, tribes have taken over the wellbeing of Native American children, who experience the third highest rate of victimization at 11.6 per 1,000 children of the same race or ethnicity. For members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Indian Child Welfare department, the first priority is the child's safety. Beyond that, the department strives to preserve tribal families and keep Potawatomi children under tribal supervision, rather than have them placed in state care.

Foster Care and Adoption Specialist Darla (Ham) Courtney works each day towards these goals in her oversight of Potawatomi children in need of safe, stable home environments. The Shawnee native has worked for the tribe since June 2009, following the completion of her BA in Behavioral Science at MidAmericaChristianUniversity.

"While my two daughters were in high school, our family served as a therapeutic foster home," explained Courtney. "After we no longer provided foster care, the foster children and overall foster experience never left my mind or my heart. I can truthfully say that this is my dream job and I could not be happier."

Courtney coordinates with other case officers in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation ICW Department who look out for Potawatomi youth. She is responsible for the recruitment, training and licensing of foster homes on behalf of the tribe. The process, which includes background checks, interviews and an application process, must be complete before a home is

approved for child placement. Once approval is granted, Courtney maintains the home and children's files and makes sure they adhere to CPN's guidelines. This includes personal visits with each child placed in foster care.

"As a former foster parent, I understand the worries and concerns of the foster parents," said Courtney. "Having walked in their shoes, I can truly say, 'I know how you feel.' As for the children, the first day they are taken from the home, they're scared and usually crying. When I see them a short time later, a smile on that child's face lets me know that they're comfortable in the foster care home and their needs are being met."

"Darla has improved our foster care and adoption program beyond words," said CPN's ICW Department Director Janet Draper. "She is able to keep up with the legal changes, maintain all the state and tribal forms and visitation of children who are in CPN custody. Prior to Darla, the program existed, but with only myself and BJ Trousdale it was difficult to keep up with everything necessary to ensure the children and families were being served 100 percent and in a timely manner."

The goal of tribal administered foster care is to ultimately reunite families if parental rights have been suspended. Through mandatory mentoring from ICW staff, parents are taught how to develop the skills necessary to regain custody and foster a stable home life. During their time in foster care, children receive mental, physical and emotional support with the hope being



Darla Courtney in her office in the CPN Administration building.

that once reunited the family is stronger and healthier than in the past and has hope for the future.

"I would be lying if I said there weren't days that the weight of the negatives of this job doesn't bother me," she explained. "However, the positives are so rewarding that the negatives take a back seat. One of the greatest joys is to see a family that had literally fell apart and hit rock bottom become a loving, functioning, successful family unit."

Though all outcomes of family reconciliation aren't successful, Courtney also oversees the adoption process for Potawatomi

children. In those instances where a child moves from foster care to the adoption process, Courtney assists the adoptive family throughout the procedure by helping fill out applications for custody and adoption subsidies.

As Courtney pointed out, "For children that are not able to be reunited with their family, positives are still there. Adoption days are very special to me. When parents have chosen to provide the child with a forever family, it is a day of completion for the case but a new beginning for the child and their new family. Seeing the joy and love on the family's face as the adoption is granted is priceless."

If you would like more information on CPN's youth and family services, please visit the FireLodge Children and Family Services website at www.potawatomi.org/services/community/firelodge-children-and-family-services or call either 405-275-3176 or (1)800-880-9880.

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People of the Fire

Boursaw and Carney win legislative elections

Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members recently had the opportunity to vote in the 2013 elections. Incumbent Eva Marie Carney won the District 2 election and challenger Jon Boursaw won the District 4 election. Legislative District 1 incumbent Roy Slavin, District 3 incumbent Robert Whistler and Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett were unopposed in the 2013 election.

“I am extremely honored that the CPN tribal members in District 4 have selected me to be their representative to the CPN Legislature,” commented Boursaw. “I sincerely want to thank all of those who voted for me and offer a particular

thank you to those individuals who assisted me in my campaign.”

In the District 2 race, incumbent Eva Carney retained her seat against challenger Anthony Cole of New Orleans, La.

Carney, an attorney from Arlington, Va. addressed her supporters after the vote was announced.

“I am grateful to the voters of District 2 for the record voter turnout and the confidence you are placing in me with your votes. Please know that as a CPN Legislator I will continue to work hard for you and for all Citizen Potawatomi. I welcome your calls,

emails and notes and look forward to answering your questions and hearing your comments. I’d especially appreciate offers of help in planning District #2 gatherings beyond the D.C. Metro area. Help me come to you during this next term in office! Migwetch and jagenogenon (thank you, for all my relations).”

Cole was graceful in his defeat, telling the Hownikan “I want to congratulate Eva on her victory and wish her much success in her upcoming term.”

Voters also passed the CPN Legislative Budget.



Jon Boursaw, Eva Marie Carney, Roy Slavin and Mark Johnson after Grand Entry. Jon Boursaw is a newly elected official.

Theresa Adame remembers years of service, final moments as Legislator

Bozho, I am just getting back for Festival 2013 and again the staff has done an excellent job of taking care of all the citizens needs and entertainment.

I am sorry to report I lost the election.

Many of you may have seen me later in the night with tears in my eyes. I want to reassure you they were not tears of defeat or sorrow. I was overwhelmed with the outpour of love from friends and strangers who stopped me to wrap their arms around me to offer their love and thanks for my service.

As a child growing up in the shadow of the Prairie Band Nation I longed to be among people who felt the same love of our Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Never in my wildest dreams did

I ever think that someday I would enter the dance grounds following the Chairman, Vice-Chair and Treasurer as a leader for our tribe.

As I entered last night for the last time as your representative I made sure I looked at every face, notice the beautiful Oklahoma sky, the smell in the air and felt the love of the those in attendance.

I have experienced what no one else can proclaim

Others will follow but I am proud to be the very first legislator for the great State of Kansas for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Bama Pi,
Theresa Adame



Theresa Adame participates in Grand Entry at Festival 2013

Legislator Gene Lambert

Describing why she decided to serve in the CPN government, as a regional director and as current system as District 5 legislator, Arizona’s Gene Lambert says “It’s like the knowing when you hear something right. When you know, you know.”

Like her counterparts in the CPN Legislature, Lambert is enthusiastic about her work with the tribe. Originally from San Jose, Calif., Lambert grew up in the state’s agricultural heartland in the San Joaquin Valley. Her father, Charles Edward Lambert, was a descendent of the Navarre and Melot families. His family relocated from Oklahoma to California at the turn of the twentieth century.

Lambert grew up knowing of her Potawatomi background, but admits that it wasn’t a traditional Native American upbringing. “We didn’t speak about being Native American, because at that time, people in my generation didn’t talk about it openly. But

you get to a certain age and say, ‘Hey, I don’t care, I want to know about my heritage’.”

Starting in the mid-1980s she began to learn more about the tribe and eventually received her tribal ID card. She began travelling to regional meetings and large gatherings held in Shawnee at the tribe’s headquarters. It was at the old intertribal powwow that she finally felt like she was in the right place.

“First time I came to Shawnee in the late 1980s, I saw this little boy who was a fire dancer,” said Lambert. “I watched him dance for three hours, just in awe. Watching him and being there, it just felt right. Looking back, there isn’t any place else I feel I belong.”

Her professional experience of working in politics in her home state of Arizona laid the foundations for her decision to serve in the tribe’s government. She worked on legislative campaigns for Arizona legislators.



Lambert, seen here speaking with CPN Executive Operations Coordinator Jason Greenwalt.



Lambert, seen here at the recent regional meeting in Denver, speaks to CPN Tribal Rolls Director Charles Clark about member registration for the June 2013 Family Festival.

Between stints in politics, Lambert has always been a religious researcher. Her spirituality is evident in her role as a legislator, as she pointed out the important connection between the tribe’s current government and its constituents.

“For many tribal members, this is the biggest thing happening in their lives in terms of going to regional meetings or the family festival. It gives them a place to belong. It’s their pride and joy,” she explained. “Chairman Barrett and Vice Chairman Capps work so hard to create a family atmosphere for our tribe and I know it means a lot to Tribal Members,” said Lambert. “I joined on as a regional director for nine years and then as a legislator. I like to be a part of it all, to help serve the people and share in that experience.”

Hownikan



Eva Marie Carney leads her team to victory during Hand Games 2013



Heather Westberg, first place winner and Alex Witte, second place compete in the 5K at FireLake Wellness Center



Kelly Adair and Betty K. Dyson from Alabama attend their first festival



Burt Patadal and Jim Davis



Trenton Neddeau from Earlsboro participates in the basketball tournament during festival



CPN Veterans organization participate in Grand Entry

Denver Regional Meeting



Cousins Marlene Perez and Jerry Lewis (Acton-Doud families)



Denver's "Wisest", June Blooding.



Vice Chairman Linda Capps and District 5 Legislator Gene Lambert.



Penny Bishop, Louise Hammock, Leah Louise Castellano and Kenny Aragon.



Travis and Landry Boon (La Frambois-Peltier).



Areta Blooding-Laird, June Blooding and Shalyn Laird.



Gene Lambert and Marie Blower (Boursaw)



"Travelled Farthest", Nancy Tarter (Bruno) with Chairman Barrett.



"Youngest" Landry Boon (La Frambois-Peltier).

Kansas City Regional Meeting



Phil Quin, Theresa Adame and Sheila Sloop



Dorrell and June Smith, winners of a traditional shawl made by Julia Slavin.



Brothers Jon and Lyman Boursaw stand in front of Jon's display on CPN history.



Travelled the farthest: Amy Rose Herrick (Vieux and Juneau)



Youngest Amara Sprague (Bourbonnais).



Wisest Jim Coder with Chairman Barrett.



Theresa Huke-Gene, winner of an eagle feahter fan stands with Kansas legislator Theresa Adame.



Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Theresa Adame, Michelle Klaproth, Janice Pound, and Sandy Sutton and Chairman Barrett.



Naming ceremony for Eileen Goodson and Beverly Holly.



(Left) Naming ceremony for Eileen Goodson (white shawl) and Beverly Holly (red shawl). (Right) Julia Slavin and her husband Roy, District 1 Legistlator.



Wichita Regional Meeting



Members of the Anderson family talk to Penny Coates (far left), Director of FireLake Gifts and a distant family member.



Wisest, Lyman Boursaw with Chairman Barrett.



Members of the Emery family (Navarre).



Chairman Barrett congratulates Tara Gwynn (Wilmette) as the Wichita meeting's furthest travelled.



Wichita's youngest attendees, twin brother Jacob and Sean Emery (Navarre).



James E. Spencer and his daughter Tara Gwynn (Wilmette family).



Members of the Lewis Family point out the wall cloud that descended on the Wichita meeting, calling the event to a halt.



Theresa Adame, Roy Slavin, Chairman Barrett, Vice Chairman Capps and Julia Slavin take cover during the tornado warning that hit the Wichita area during the meeting.



Broden Perciful, Mary Mudgett and Alecia Perciful (Anderson).

Legislative Columns

District 1 - Roy Slavin



Bozho Nikan,

A recent article in the *Hownikan* about our aviary and the availability of eagle feathers has sparked numerous inquiries about how to order or request feathers. The request form along with other valuable information about caring for and storing the feathers is available on the CPN web site – www.potawatomi.org/culture/eagle-aviary. At this point I must say again how fortunate we are to have the aviary and the two ladies who care for it, Jennifer Randell and Bree Dunham.

I must also emphasize, eagles are never killed or harmed for their feathers. Once eagles achieve their final adult plumage, they molt their flight feathers about every year. The flight feather molt is not simultaneous, but rather matched, and they are generally lost at separate times,

so the bird is never flightless.

Most of the eagles at our aviary are permanent residents who are injured and are unable to be released back into the wild. These eagles require long-term, permanent housing or they face euthanasia. The feathers collected are prayed over and smudged before being sent out to applicants

Loose feathers should be stored in a cedar box to keep them free of moths. Instruct anyone who receives feathers that they should be kept clean and away from animals, especially dogs, and smudged regularly. If feathers are dropped or dishonored in any way they should be prayed over and smudged. Only people of sufficient age to assume responsibility of ownership should have eagle feathers.

Remember, the eagle is the creature of the winged nation in our tradition who each dawn delivers the messages in prayer smoke that rises from the lodges of the Nishnabe to the Creator. His carrying of messages shows that there are still faithful on the Earth. Because of these messages, the Creator lets the sun rise and the great circle of life goes on another day.

Sunday, June 9

I have just returned home from Warsaw, Mo. where we had multiple naming ceremonies. Jacqueline Farr, who I had previously named, named her grandson, Tristan J. Rogers. I had the honor of naming



Kirsten LaLise, Roy Slavin and Trisstan Jackson Rogers

her daughter, Kirsten LaLise Stephenson. Jacqueline’s husband Rob prepared a prayer circle the likes of which I have never seen. He had a path through the woods covered with wood chips leading to the prayer circle that was outlined with white rocks covered with wood chips along with a great fire pit in the center. After the naming we were treated to a wonderful lunch in Jacquelin’s

beautiful country home. It’s times like these that makes me proud to be Potawatomi.

I will close this article as always with a plea for your contact information. If you live in Missouri, east of Missouri or north of Arkansas you are in District 1. If you do not receive e-mail or regular mail from me it is because I do not have your

contact information and due to privacy issues the Nation cannot give me that information so please send it to me at Roy Slavin 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64151 or call me toll free 1-888-741-5767

Igwien (heartfelt thanks)

Netagtege (Always planting)

District 2 - Eva Marie Carney



Bozho nikan/Hello friends,

I am writing this in mid-June, not knowing whether I will be reelected for an additional four-year term. With the answer a few weeks away, I will push ahead here, hoping that you have returned me to office and no “concession column” is required! (I imagine I would have to finance that with personal funds, isn’t that right Treasurer D Wayne Trousdale?)

Potawatomi Recipe Contest. I am still hoping to receive additional recipes for the cookbook I promised to put together and distribute to everyone who contributes a recipe – this is all part of the

For this recipe pursue one of two options: Option #1: Invest about \$2,000 dollars in hunting equipment, a lease to hunt on, and time away from work to allow yourself the ability to harvest a deer. Option #2: Just hit up a friend who hunts and ask for some deer meat.

Ingredients: 1lb. of deer meat; small jar of sliced jalapeno; 1 8 oz. tub cream cheese; Dale's Low Salt Seasoning ; package of any type bacon; toothpicks; salt and pepper; water; 1 cold Bud Light beer.

Directions: Cut the deer meat into small chunks (chicken nugget size); Place deer meat in a 1 gallon plastic bag; Add in half a cup of Dale's Low Salt Seasoning (or less depending on your taste); Add about half a cup of water; Season with salt and pepper to taste. Let soak overnight in the refrigerator. Once the deer meat is prepped, cut the bacon strips in half. Take a piece of deer meat, add half a teaspoon or so of cream cheese, a slice of jalapeno, and wrap with half a piece of bacon and use a toothpick to hold it all together. Repeat until you have used all of your deer meat, I use a cookie sheet to hold all of my poppers.



Samples of Potawatomi quillwork, beadwork and weaving, in special preservation boxes.

fall during football season!

His prize is a Thomas Kay Zippo 1941 Replica™ Brushed Chrome Windproof Lighter made in Bradford, Pennsylvania, advertised as follows: “For nearly 8 decades this patented windproof lighter has been an

(if you don’t have dry you can use prepared); salt and pepper to taste (I usually don’t add salt).

Directions: Mix together and serve. No cooking required. Stores well in the refrigerator.

Recipe for "That Cornbread Stuff", submitted by CPN member Jamie Kindt, Harrison, Arkansas

Ingredients: 1 cup flour; 2 beaten eggs; 1 tsp. salt; 1cup milk; 2 tbsp. sugar; 1 lb. ground beef; 1/4 c. melted Crisco, cooled slightly; 1/2 cup chopped onion; 3 tsp. baking powder; 1/2 cup chopped green pepper; 3/4 cup corn meal; 1 can tomato soup, undiluted.

Directions: Brown beef with onion and green pepper. Season. Stir in tomato soup. Set aside. Mix flour, salt, sugar, baking powder and corn meal. Set aside. Combine Crisco, milk and eggs in a small bowl. Add to flour mixture and beat until smooth. Pour into 8x12 inch baking dish. Drop beef mixture by tablespoonsful over cornbread mixture. Bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

Upcoming District 2 Event: I hope you will be able to take advantage of our next chance to see the Potawatomi items in the archives of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, in Suitland, Md. on Friday, September 27, 2013. Lunch at a local restaurant before the tour (location TBD) will give us the chance to visit together. For a preview, please view the photos taken during our most recent visit in March 2012 on my website, evamariecarney.com. Reprinted here are a couple of those photos.

Migwetch/thank you for the honor of representing you.

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Christina Deprez/Akinibwekwe (Vieux family, NC) and Bob Richey/Shaweno (LaFramboise family, VA)

4th Annual District 2 New Year contest I announced in January. But it’s time to share with you the recipe sent in by a District 2 constituent, selected at random, for a special prize, and to share a few other recipes submitted. I hope you enjoy each of them!

First, the prize winning recipe:

Recipe for Potawatomi Deer Meat Poppers, submitted by CPN member Timothy Pyeatt, Fort Walton Beach, FL

Prep your grill and place a sheet of tinfoil on your grill (I use a gas grill) and set your fire on low. Then get your grill good and warmed up.

Place the poppers on the tinfoil, and open the beer. Slowly drink the Bud light (or beverage of choice) and occasionally rotate the poppers to ensure they are cooked on all sides. This takes about 20 minutes (some cooks may need two beers). Remove poppers and eat while they are hot! Especially good in the

American icon, in peace and war. It's a symbol of the nation's innovation and reliability.” A modern day flint and steel for the modern day chef.

Recipe for Anne Ziegler’s (North Carolina) BBQ Sauce, submitted by CPN member Rosanah Ziegler Foster, Van Wert, OH

Ingredients: 1 cup white sugar; 1 cup brown sugar; 2 cups ketchup; 2 cups white vinegar; 1/4 bottle Texas Pete’s; 1tsp. dry mustard

District 3 - Robert Whistler



Bozho:

With school out and summer well in swing, many of us including myself will be enjoying the outdoors. For some it is time to spend a nice afternoon or day pool side. While we are thinking about how much fun it is, we tend to forget that every day two children under the age of fourteen will drown. My intent is not to make this month’s article negative, but to warn everyone of the danger that is out there that is so easily overlooked.

So here are some of the things you need to keep you and your family safe. With small children in the house or visiting, all it takes is an investment of less than \$2 to add what is called a flip lock on each door that leads outside. We installed them when our children were starting to walk to be sure they didn’t get up when we were asleep and decide to explore what was beyond that door. The flip lock is nothing more than a hinge that is self locking and you install it about four or five inches from the top of the door. That lock was unreachable by our granddaughter until she was almost ten years old.

When pool side, never, never leave a child alone and unattended for even what you think is going to be for just a minute. You take them inside with you. You also must never rely upon another child to watch the ones younger than them. A child can drown right in front of your eyes. When they are small you need to be in the water with them or no more than arms length away. Toddlers,

infants and small children need full oversight by an adult.

When some children are drowning, they may not be shouting and splashing the water. Often they have ingested some water and are pushing down on the water to get themselves up and able to breath. They may actually appear to be upright and OK. You should rely upon “touch supervision” in open bodies of water, like lakes, streams and the ocean. Again you need to be with-in arms length of anyone very young or who doesn’t swim.

If you have a pool, be sure it has one of the new drains that are in the deep end that is designed so it can’t catch a child’s hair or garment and hold them under the water. Older pools especially need to be checked and the drain replaced.

Get your child enrolled and taught how to swim. It is never too early for this. Prior to learning to swim, wear a personal flotation device, and that goes for all of us no matter the age. I

like to sail and if alone or in any kind of weather, especially in the winter season, I wear a life preserver. If you accidentally fall over-board a life jacket inside the boat doesn’t do you much good.

And finally if you have a pool, in ground or above ground, you need to have a fence at least four feet high with a gate that can’t easily be opened by a child. Any container larger than a tin can that holds water can be a threat. Wading pools need to be emptied when not being used.

Before closing, let me give credit to the internet and the www. ivillage.com for their article on this subject that I just read, and felt needed to be passed on for the value it my yield to some of our fellow members out there. I am honored and proud to be your District 3 representative and hope that my columns provide some useful information. Last month, I was re-elected for another four year term and thank you for this honor and opportunity.

Please enjoy your summer and

simply stay alert and follow these few steps or actions to ensure you and your family have a great and uneventful summer season.

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District 4 - Theresa Adame



Bozho,

I want to start by thanking all of you who took time out of your weekend to attend the area meeting either in Overland Park or Wichita. We had a great turn out and the food was exceptionally good. No matter how many times I see the presentation I always learn something new

and I hope to meet many of you who missed next year.

We did have to end our meeting short for the Wichita location as the city had a tornado approaching. My reelection speech was the last item on the agenda so I thanked people for their continue support and then headed for the shelter. I snapped a few pictures of our group taking cover and have included one with this article. We headed north when we were cleared following behind the tornadoes and the Executive Branch headed south into a much worse tornado.

If you ever have any questions please feel free to call or write. I would be happy to come to your group or family reunion to talk about the nation or help with your beading or sewing projects.

The new editor of the *Hownikan*



is making an effort to include more articles and news for the districts so please send your ideas or articles so we can get them published.

I know this article will run early July right after the election so I

will end with a thank you for the past four years and a optimistic close of see you in August.

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District 5 - Gene Lambert



June is the month we all watch bringing in the heat here in the West. For us the dangerous times come around August or September with the monsoon’s saying their hellos. It seems that the Tornado weather likes to hit Oklahoma in that same month.

I remember living in North Dakota for two or three years and the joke there was “If Summer comes on a Sunday, let’s have a picnic.” That was because the snow covered the roof tops and ice flooded the roads

> making it almost impossible to stay off your “Caboose” if you tried walking on it. You had to learn how to shuffle instead of taking steps.

Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairwoman Linda Capps, the crew from Shawnee, and me were attending the Colorado Tribal Meeting when the weather broke loose in Shawnee. The first set of Tornosdos, rain and high winds hit causing a great deal of damage only to be out ranked by the second return of that hellacious storm waiting silently

to hit again. It showed its face just when everyone thought it had finished and they were safe.

I do believe that most Potawatomi’s were glued to the news stations and dialing the CPN Headquarters by the thousands to see if; 1) their families were safe, 2) Did the Tornosdos do any damage to our land and holdings, 3) What could they do to help.

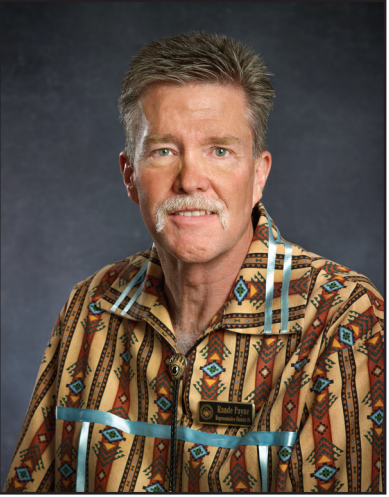
You never saw so much texting going on and we could not get out of Colorado to get to home base to help as the airlines had

stopped flying. Thanks to those back home they were able to save and rescue what could be and now the process of rebuilding begins as we head into the yearly “Family Reunion”.

My prayers would be about keeping all of you safe, healthy, and happy while we begin as only we can.

WE ARE AN AMAZING PEOPLE WITH AMAZING LEADERSHIP TO ONCE AGAIN LEAD US BACK TO OUR ROOTS OF SURVIVAL.

District 6 - Rande Payne



Bozho Nikan,

As of this writing at least but subject to change, Oklahoma has been given a reprieve from the thunderstorms, flooding and tornadoes that have wreaked havoc mercilessly on the great state. The impact on Oklahomans this spring has

been devastating to say the least.

Natural disasters occur all over the world every day but it’s not until one hit’s close to home that we feel a connection to the loss of life and property. I’ve seen firsthand the effects of too little water storage in the mountains and foothills of the central valley here in California in the form of extensive flooding. Farmland takes the brunt of the impact, though I have seen many a home in low lying areas under water in super wet years. Mudslides have also taken their fair share of homes throughout the state. This year we have just the opposite but once again farming is affected most. Another dry year has left many of our farmers scrambling for water to irrigate their crops. Natural disaster or man-made crisis?

Most of us here in California have probably never been near a tornado. Put me in that group.

And for most Californian’s tornadoes are just something they hear about in the news and have no effect on them personally. But it’s different for us California Potawatomi because of our connection to Oklahoma. Many of us have relatives there and our tribal headquarters is there as well. Because of our tribal and family connections we also feel the pain of the losses suffered so far away.

Even with all our faults, we are still living in the best country in the world. Proof of that is the outpouring of support for Oklahoma tornado victims from people all over the country, many with no connection to Oklahoma. The list of relief effort organizations and the celebrities involved is a long one and all are doing great work.

But the real heroes in my opinion are the victims, I watched newscast after newscast of interviews with victims who had

just lost literally everything; their shelter, their food, their clothing, their transportation. They were left with nothing but the clothes on their back and maybe a little money in the bank. Imagine no place to live, no food, no clothes and no way to get anywhere. I count them heroes because the first thing most of them did was thank God for being alive. One CNN reporter was frustrated because he was having a difficult time finding a victim that didn’t want to thank God! The other thing that caught my attention was the resiliency displayed. For many the shock of what had just happened hadn’t even had time to set in yet and when asked what they were going to do the reply was without even having to think “rebuild”, “start over”, “we’ll figure it out”. Even in the midst of tragedy, hope triumphed over despair.

Days after the tornados the government went public

promising what they were going to do for the people of Oklahoma. While I do believe government has a role to play in this type of disaster I thought it was amazing that everything they said they would do was either already done or being done by local churches and neighbors volunteering to help. Food, clothing, shelter, prayer, done!

I hope your summer is going well. I’m thankful for the opportunity to serve as your representative.

“Be strong and take heart, all you who **hope** in the Lord.” Psalm 31:24

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If unsure who your elected representative is, please visit www.potawatomi.org/government/legislature where you can find a district map and contact information for CPN's legislators.

Legislative Columns

District 7 - Mark Johnson



Bozho,

As you are reading this article, another Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee has passed into the collective history of our tribe, and we will be looking forward to the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations August 8-11, 2013 hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi in Michigan.

Just as the Family Reunion Festival honors our founding families, the Gathering of Nations allows Potawatomi from across North America to come together and share our collective experiences and language. The tribal councils

come together to discuss issues facing the tribes in the United States and Canada. Information on the gathering can be found at www.potawatominations.com.

I am always amazed to look at where the Nation has come in the last 30 years, we are collectively a thriving tribe with over 30,000 members. Our Nation must continue to grow our tribal economy at a minimum 5 percent yearly just to keep up with our population growth. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a shining example for other tribes to follow on how to ensure the survival and prosperity of their tribe. Sadly, several California tribes have chosen to jeopardize their futures by following

policies that exclude, instead of providing services where there is a need, they seem to be driven by greed. Unfortunately some of their actions cast a bad light on all native nations. I am thankful daily that we have had the leadership with a vision that has chosen the path to protect our people and our collective reputation as a leader among native nations.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please also take

the time to give me a call or send me an email with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

Migwetch,

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District 8 - Dave Carney



Bozho, Nikan –

By the time you read this column we will have chalked another Family Festival down in the history books. As I’m writing this, I am still in the packing and planning stage

for the trip to go to Oklahoma.

One of the things I hope to accomplish on the trip is to take a lot of photos and notes about the goings on at the Family Festival to share at the summer District 8 events in Eugene and Spokane. Another goal will be to get the names and contact information for CPN craft and clothing makers. I will post these on my website if I get a few good options for folks to choose from. I would love for everyone in our district to have a ribbon shirt or shawl and perhaps a fan for when they can make it to the Family Festival or a district event.

I try to make it a goal each summer to buy a ribbon shirt from Julia Slavin, the spouse of the District 1 representative, Roy Slavin. I like her designs, colors and fabric selection. In general, I would say men should find a

Potawatomi seamstress and tell them what you want. Prices usually range in the \$70 to \$90 area. These shirts are generally made from American made raw materials and are constructed to last for years. They are not inexpensive, but this is a case of “getting what you pay for”.

Another talented Slavin is daughter Verna Slavin Brooks. She makes incredible jewelry which usually is my wife’s favorite. These are often made of beads, silver and other ornamentation.

Two other excellent resources for all things Potawatomi are the Fire Lake gift shop (405)275-3121 located in the Cultural Heritage Center and online at www.giftshop.potawatomi.org and Fire Lake Designs (800) 246-9610. Both of these CPN enterprises can be accessed

through www.potawatomi.org/enterprises. These businesses both have excellent products and their continued financial success contributes to the overall success of the Nation. Please shop with them!

At the three planned District 8 events in 2013, there will be a “Native American Art contest”. The rules are simple. In order to enter you need to be a CPN member in good standing, you have to be present at the event, you need to transport the art to and from the event and you need to be a GOOD SPORT even if you don’t win. There will be three categories at each event:

- 1) Fine art which will include drawing, painting, sculpture, etc.
- 2) Craft art which would be beading, and article of clothing, crocheting or baskets

3) Kids 12 and under

The judges will be a panel of three made up of the “wisest Potawatomi”, the “farthest travelled” and one other that I select. There will be prizes and photos of the artist with their entry.

In closing, I would like to say that I enjoy hearing from you and seeing you at CPN events. Please contact me through my website contact page or phone. I would love to add you to my contact information and include in you in e-mails and mailings for future news and events concerning our district.

Megwetch,

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District 10 - David Barrett



Bozho,

Well, I hope everybody who attended this year’s Festival last month enjoyed it. I always have looked forward to the Festival due to meeting new members for the first time and the renewal of old acquaintances. Each year I’m thrilled with the presence of the youngsters and the youth in attendance. Looking at them, we see those who will be carrying on the business of our enterprises, our traditions, telling our stories, and our Name. Thank you to all those individuals who are learning now our Potawatomi language.

For those of you who aren’t aware, there is a Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations that will be hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi at Dowagiac, Michigan in the heart of the ancestral Potawatomi homelands.

There are nine contemporary Bands of Potawatomi Indians in the United States and Canada. They are The Prairie Band in Kansas, Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Oklahoma, Forest County Potawatomi Community in Wisconsin, Hannahville Indian Community in northern Mich., Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band in Michigan, Nottawaseppi Huron Band

of Potawatomi in Mich., and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in Mich. There are two Bands, the Walpole Island First Nation and the Wasauksing First Nation, in Canada.

I’m looking forward to attending the Pokagon Gathering on August 8-11, 2013.

The Potawatomi Gathering provides the opportunity for Bodewadmi people from across North America to come together for language and cultural demonstrations, recreational activities, meals, socializing, and a pow-wow.

The idea for the Gathering

began over 20 years ago when Potawatomi leaders recognized they had been separated for too long and needed to come together to share experiences, ideas, and to reconnect as family.

This event is hosted by a different band every year.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation.

Migwetch,

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District 12 - Paul Schmidlkofer



Bozho Nikan,

First I would like to wish everyone a happy 4th of July. I hope all have the opportunity to celebrate the occasion and see friends and family. I also hope it was a safe holiday for all. These chances to have get together with our family are cherished times.

I hope all of you had the chance to make it to the festival. I enjoy going and seeing all the tribal and family members who make

it each year. If you have been coming for many years you also have had the pleasure of watching it grow into what it is today. I still remember how it was when we first started and how that has changed over the years. It has turned into something you want to put on the calendar a year in advance so you can be sure to go.

Hopefully you all had the chance to walk around and see all the changes going on. It complex and supporting facilities have made a mark on the horizon. People now know we are here. My

hope is that we will continue to prosper and be able to offer more to our tribal members.

One short note reminding all our recent high school graduates, please contact tribal roles and get your paperwork for the tribal scholarship. Remember it is for all members.

As always it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation.

Megwetch,
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District 13 - Bobbi Bowden



Bozho Nikanek (Hello Friends)

As you receive this article I hope you have been to the family reunion festival and are home safe and sound.

Writing this, I am reminded of a few things that I am looking forward to during the festival.

First of all, the hand games on Friday evening. The games are so much fun and over the years seeing the family teams come back for good ole’ healthy competition is such a good time!

This was a special year with the fully opened Eagle Aviary and activities held in the new Arena. I am sure many of us are hoping the arena will give all of us some breaks from the heat! To learn more about the Eagle Aviary, check out their website at www.potawatomi.org/culture/eagle-aviary.

Festival is also a time for us, as citizens and members, to vote on upcoming issues! If

you did not cast your vote at this reunion please make sure you take that opportunity to be heard in the future!

Last but certainly not least, I always look forward to grand entry! Each year I notice and learn so many things about our incredible culture from the wonderful people we have chosen as our Nation’s leaders.

Migwetch, (Thank you)

Bobbi Bowden (Peshknoknwe)
Legislative Representative
District 13



The Potawatomi Hand Game.

To submit an obituary, please send a word document and 300 dpi photo to hownikan@potawatomi.org.

Chairman - John "Rocky" Barrett



Bozho, Nikan, (Hello, my friends)

I hope many of you came to the Heritage Festival held on the last weekend in June. It coincides with our annual General Council Meeting where we present the “state of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation” - the present condition of the Tribe and its various enterprises and governmental functions. We are making wonderful progress and expanding our services to the people and investment for the future.

During the weekend of the Heritage Festival, I will be presented an overview of the current projects and tribal activities to allow the Tribal Legislature to provide input and ready them for consideration of the 2014 Tribal Operating Budget. The budget process, already begun at the department level, is a long and difficult process for all of the management employees of the Nation. Once each department or enterprise determines its needs for the coming year, they submit a draft proposal and it is evaluated by the Executive Branch. A final draft budget is consolidated and later submitted to the Appropriations Committee of the Whole of the Tribal Legislature before the end of the fiscal year in September. During the process, we go through each item of particular interest to each Tribal Legislator, adjust line items to accommodate changed priorities, and arrive at a final budget to be voted on by the

Legislature in full session.

With more than 30 federal contracts and compacts, 14 tribal enterprises, more than 2,300 employees, and a budget in excess of \$300,000,000, it is a complex process. We have the advantage of a very professional and capable tribal management and accounting staff, experienced and educated Tribal Legislators, and a clear message from our constituents to come to an agreement if there are differences of opinion. Our record of progress depends on it.

We have had a difficult month in our relationship with Oklahoma Governor, Mary Fallin. We find ourselves, along with several other tribes, the target of regulatory actions by the state that encroach on our sovereign status and breach long-standing agreements with the state. In addition to her termination, and then six month continuation, of our tobacco compact, designed to force new terms that ultimately benefit two very large state-wide convenience store chains, we received notice that she has asked the ABLE Commission (the state agency in charge of liquor licensing) to force our casinos to adhere to county regulations in addition to state regulations. This is a clear violation of our Gaming Compact terms under which we obtained our license. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has had jurisdiction over the lands it occupies since 1867, long before the state existed. The compact has explicit language that the state will not violate tribal sovereignty and our ability to self-govern.

We have operated our casino compact for eight years and two previous governor’s terms without the issue Governor Fallin brings up ever arising. Unfortunately, it appears she has another agenda. Any business that complains about competing with us appears to get preferential treatment - and a threat from the Governor on their behalf. Sadly, the mentality appears to be that

economic progress is a “zero sum game.” In other words: any progress made by an Indian Tribe comes at the expense of non-Indians, appears to prevail at the Governor’s mansion. In addition to disregarding the terms of our agreement, she disregards the fact that we are the largest employer in Pottawatomie County by a factor of 5! We have a documented economic impact in excess of \$550 million dollars. Virtually 90% of the economic growth in our county is a result of our payroll, vendor purchases, and tourism investments. The Governor should reconsider and adopt the truly progressive perspective that “A rising tide lifts all boats.” What is good for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has proven beyond doubt to be good for Pottawatomie County and Oklahoma. We live here too.

Historically, we are one of the only tribes to have our own alcohol regulations approved and published in the federal register more than 20 years ago. Our government, long ago, adopted laws to regulate the sale of alcohol and issued licenses to our businesses for more than 15 years. If you wish to help on this issue, I request that you write her and politely ask that she reconsider her position in light of our Gaming Compact.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch (thank you)
John Rocky Barrett Keweoge



Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett after Grand Entry 2013



IMG 1115: Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett at Grand Entry 2013

Vice Chairman - Linda Capps



It finally happened! Two of my grandsons played baseball at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Ball Fields at Firelake this weekend. It was quite a thrill to attend the weekend games at the Nation’s very own beautiful fields. Although the six fields are designed to host softball, they can be converted to accommodate baseball for young athletes up to age 15. That was the case with the two north fields on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9. The

baseball tournament was for peewee players, ages 10 and 11. The other four fields were set aside for girls softball tournaments.

I made reference in a previous column about the Ball Fields at Firelake being some of the cleanest ball fields that you will ever visit. That example still holds true. Our employees work hard to keep both the grounds and the restrooms clean during tournament play.

The director of the program, Jason O’Connor, managed a total of five different tournaments for the weekend. He had two softball tournaments for 12 year-old groups, one tournament for 10 year-olds and one tournament for an 18 year-old group. The baseball tournament was for 10 and 11 year-old boys. Games started at 8:00 each morning and lasted until close to midnight both evenings. At any given time during tournament weekends, there may be up to 1,500-2,000 attendees at the ball park. The players, coaches, and spectators

change as each ballgame is played; therefore, there are a large number of people circulating throughout the complex during the weekend.



Some recent action at the BallFields at FireLake.

For more information on leagues and tournaments, please visit www.theballfieldsatfirelake.com

Thanks goes out to Jason O’Connor and all of his hard-

working staff members for another successful weekend at the Sports Complex. Gratitude is also reserved for those who planned and built the beautiful

fields. Many of our directors and other employees were involved with the final creation. In addition, Chairman Barrett deserves accolades for the astonishing vision that he so competently

supplies for the Nation on a never-ending basis. The softball fields are the beginning of a total sports theme park that the Chairman has envisioned. Next year at this time, we will be hosting baseball players from across the state. In the future, the surrounding area of our Nation’s headquarters will also be home to soccer, and lacrosse. I applaud the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s efforts to serve the youth of our communities.... yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

The Nation has a new and exciting educational concept for future months. We are also implementing expansion of our facilities in order to provide improved working conditions for our employees. Please stay tuned for my next *Hownikan* column for an exciting look at 2014.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman. I look forward to seeing you soon at our annual family reunion.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps

Do you have a LAW DEGREE?

If you are a CPN member and law school graduate (MA or LLB), a practicing attorney, member of the judiciary or holder of an academic position in a law-related field, we need to know about you! Please get in contact with Chairman John Barrett via email at rocky@potawatomi.org. Thank you.

Walking On...



JennyLynn Winsor

Jenny Lynn Winsor was born March 24, 1950 in Great Bend, Kan. to Johnny Bruno and Beatrice Castille. She passed away March 28, 2013 at her home in Cyril at the age of 63.

Jenny (Potawatomi name Wazauckek) married Carl Lee Winsor on June 7, 1968 in Ellinwood, Kan. They moved to Booker, Texas, then later to Ellinwood, Kan. In 1978 they moved to Cyril. She worked as a CNA for Cyril Nursing Home for several years. She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting. She loved to read and was a big fan of Louis Lamour. She also enjoyed reading fantasy and science fiction novels and watching movies. She was also an avid video game player. Jenny raised beautiful flowers in her garden. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Carl, of the home, four sons Jason and wife, Tena Winsor of Rush Springs, Okla., Craig Winsor of Marlow, Okla., Scott Winsor Cyril, Okla., Brian and wife, Kim Winsor of North Pole, Alaska as well as two daughters, Christine and husband, Delbert McCurley of Cyril, Okla., Barbara and husband, Eric Duncan of Newalla, Okla. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, Gene Winsor, Dylan Winsor, Crystal Conley, Marcus Winsor, Austin Winsor, Kevin Williams, Sierra Winsor, Landon Winsor (Craig), Alexis Winsor, William, Haley and Rilee McCurley, Dezerin, Hannah, Jacob and Freeman Lane Rumley, Erica, Emma and Charles Duncan along with two great-grandchildren, Emily and Ian Sutton.

She is survived by her three sisters, Ruby Withrow (Potawatomi name - Mnisnokwe) of Tecumseh, Okla., Bobby Shawn of Follet, Texas and Teresa Hudson (Potawatomi name - Nodnokwe) of Shawnee, Okla. Of them, she is survived by many nieces, nephews and other family members and friends and all those “extra” kids who called her ‘Mom’ and ‘MeMa’.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two grandsons Mathew Winsor and Hunter Joe Winsor, one brother J.B. Bruno, and two sisters Mildred Flynn (Potawatomi name - Pish-Mo-Kwe) and Dorothy Hammons (Potawatomi name -Witcewe) and her nephew Jonny Flynn (Potawatomi name – Pamomketuk).

Funeral Services were held April 2, 2013 at the First Christian Church of Cyril with Pastor Delbert McCurley officiating and assisted by Leon Bruno. Burial followed at the Ft. Sill National Cemetery under the direction of Cyril Funeral Home.



Johnnie Loyal Ogee

March 27, 1941 – April 20, 2013

Life for Johnnie Loyal Ogee began on March 27, 1941. He

was born to Johnnie and Bertha Baker Ogee and lived most of his life in Choctaw. Johnnie joined the United States Navy and proudly served for four years. He was a very patriotic person and loved his country.

Johnnie married and had two children. He is survived by his daughter, Cathy Ogee Hornsby and son, Johnnie L. Ogee Jr., both living in the Choctaw area. Also surviving him are six great grandchildren, one brother Scott Ogee of Guthrie, one special uncle in Phillip S. Ogee Sr. and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Johnnie was loved by many. He was known for his long hair, beard and fish hook ear ring he wore in his left ear. He loved to fish, golf and hunt. Johnnie also loved having beautiful flowers in his yard and all of nature at his back door.

He was strongly connected to his Native American heritage and his Potawatomi lineage, both of which were reflected in his ways. His favorite fishing spot was the Blue River in southeastern Okla. His last wishes were to be created and have his ashes scattered along the Blue River.



Mathew Brian Johnson

Matthew (Matt) Brian Johnson, 37, of Oklahoma City, passed away on April 16, 2013, three days after his grandmother also passed away. He was born on February 25, 1976 in Oklahoma City to Ronald E. Johnson and Deborah A. Townsend. Matt graduated from Westmoore High, class of 1994. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Verdell and Harold Townsend, and Virginia (Jean) and Frank McCullough. He is survived by his parents, Deborah and Joe Matthis, and Ronald and Rita Johnson; many other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Son, you will be greatly missed and we love you dearly. Memorial Services were held May 4, 2013 at the Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel. To leave condolences please visit www.ResthavenOKC.com.

Alvin Wayne Willmet

Alvin Wayne Willmet, Sr. was born to Lewis and Nellie Willmet on March 30, 1924, in Hominy, Okla., and passed away on April 19, 2013, in Citrus Heights, California at the age of 89. He was a painter by trade for all of his life and worked on the restoration of the capitol building in Sacramento in the early 1980s.

Alvin was a World War II veteran and enjoyed a life full of traveling, country music, playing the mandolin and, most of all, spending time with his grandchildren. He was very proud of his Potawatomi Native American heritage and Oklahoma roots, and would travel to Oklahoma as often as he could. Alvin is survived by Judy Willmet, his devoted wife of 72 years; daughter Carol Willmet and son-in-law Reuven Epstein of Galt, Calif., son Alvin Wayne Willmet Jr. and daughter-in-law Yvonda of Broken Arrow, Okla., daughter Cynthia Willmet of Citrus Heights, Calif. and son-in-law, William Edwards of Loomis, Calif., his loving caregiver and friend Elaina Fisher, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter Beverly Edwards of Loomis, Calif.

A celebration of Alvin's life took place May 11, 2013 at the Maidu Community Center in Roseville, Calif. The guestbook can be found online at <http://sunsetlawn3.reachlocal.net>.



Nancy Lu (Scovil) Peters

Nancy Lu (Scovil) Peters “walked on” (as her Potawatomi family heritage would describe) on May 11, 2013, one day before Mother’s Day. For her, every day was Mother’s Day. She was a Mom in every sense of the word. She raised five boys (six if you include her husband) and her beautiful maternal qualities extended to anyone she met. She exuded a loving manner, a casual elegance, quick with a hug or a laugh, and her graciousness was beyond measure. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Roy and Lucile Scovil; her husband of 55 years, Joe Peters; her son, John Peters; her grandson, Roy Peters; her brother, Jim Scovil and his son, Jimmy Scovil. She is survived by: her sons, Bill Peters, Paul Peters, Stephen Peters, Robert Peters; and her grandchildren, Stephenie Peters, Drew Peters and Jake Peters; and great-grandchild, Katelyn Buie. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate any donation to World Neighbors founded by John L. Peters. Contributions may be made either to World Neighbors, PO Box 270058, Oklahoma City, OK 73137 or website www.wn.org.

Jack Cranford Jr.

Jack Cranford Jr., loving father and husband, passed away May 7 at the age of 66. He leaves behind his wife of 43 years, Virginia, son Jack Cranford III, daughter Catherine Cranford and four grandchildren, Jack Cranford IV, Izabella, Ashlen and Trace as well as an adored Johannes Spieker.

Preceding him in death were Jack Cranford Sr., Pauline Baylis, Phillip and Josiah Cranford. He was admired and loved in this and many other communities, professionally as a steel trader and personally as a lover of the Blues and local music. The family will hold a private ceremony to celebrate Jack’s life and asks that all donations in his honor be made to the Kidney Foundation.



Pamela (Pam) Dean Woodfin

Pamela (Pam) Dean Woodfin was born February 5, 1949 to Jesse Alton Woodfin and Nora Nadeau Woodfin at Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. Pam received her education in Tulsa Public schools and graduated from Edison High School in 1967. She continued her education at Oklahoma Christian College in Edmond, Okla. She was crowned OCC Homecoming Queen by the student body in 1970. She graduated in May 1971 with BS in Education. Following graduation she moved to San Diego and worked for the San Diego Chargers. Pam traveled extensively overseas. She lived in Dubai for several years and became very fond of the camel; sharing pictures of her rides. With her concern for others and her caring nature, Pam was a hospice volunteer for several years. Prior to her sickness, Pam was employed as a full time private caregiver,

once again demonstrating her concern for the needs of others. Pam is preceded in death by her parents Alton and Nora Woodfin and brother Larry. She is survived by her brother Thomas A (Yvonne) Woodfin, a very special friend, Terry Stringfellow and nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and special cousins.

Pam was a wonderful, loving, caring and giving friend to many people. She will be greatly missed by all of us who loved her so much. Pam requested her body be donated to science for research. A memorial service was held May 4 at the Serenity Funeral Home Reception Hall in Tulsa, Okla.



Ruth Nadine Long

Ruth Nadine Long, eldest daughter of Dean and Edna (Burns) Place passed away April 29, 2013 at the Holton Community Hospital at the age of 79. She was born March 25, 1934 on a farm near Mayetta, Kans. and spent most of her life around the Holton area except for the twenty years that she traveled with her husband while he served in the United States Air Force. Ruth graduated from Circleville High School in 1952.

Ruth was married to Milton Snyder on April 4, 1953. To this union two daughters were born, Wanda White and Karen Snyder. In 1976 her marriage to Milton ended. On June 8, 1981 she was married to Robert Long, he preceded her in death on October 3, 2004. She was also preceded in death by an infant brother; an infant sister; a stepson; her sister, Olive Hyatt and a brother, Glenn “Tiny” Place.

Ruth is survived by two daughters, Wanda White and her husband Stan of Mayetta and Karen Snyder of Holton; two granddaughters, Micheal and Becky White; a grandson, James Rowland and his wife Robin; four great grandsons, Trevor, Bryce, Tim and Mason; a great granddaughter, Jazzmyne; two step-daughters, Helen Looney and Marilyn Moser both of Hiawatha; step grandchildren and great step-grandchildren.

Ruth was baptized on Christmas Day in 2005 and joined the United Methodist Church in Mayetta.

Funeral services were May 2, 2013 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Interment is at the Olive Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Mayetta United Methodist Church or to Medicalodges Jackson County Kitchen Dept. sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.



Steven Kyle Skalabrin

Steve Skalabrin, 40, passed away unexpectedly on May 10, 2013 from injuries sustained in a fall. He was a witty conversationalist and artistic spirit who left us too soon, and he'll be greatly missed. Steve

was born November 14, 1972 in Bremerton, Wash. to Dr. Nicholas and Joan (Pitcher) Skalabrin, and was a Potawatomi tribal member descended from the LeClairs. He grew up in a big, loving Catholic family, graduating from South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard, Wash., and attended Washington State University. Steve took pride in his work as a roofer, living and working in Port Orchard, Tacoma and Seattle. He pursued many artistic outlets in his spare time, creating a variety of pieces from metal, wood, and even food. Steve always offered a helping hand. He was a sensitive soul who not only cared, but took action to lighten the load for others. His quick sense of humor added laughter and fun to any gathering and, being a kid at heart, he was a favorite uncle to his many nieces and nephews. We will all miss his hugs.

Steve is survived by Camilla Chapman and her two boys, Dravin and Cory; by his parents; by his siblings and their spouses, Terri Skalabrin (Scott Bearman), Deborah Skalabrin (Patrick Gray), Paul Skalabrin (D.D. Skalabrin), Mark Skalabrin (Amy Richardson), and Elaine Skalabrin (Patrick Luedtke); by his aunt, Barbara Johnson and his uncle, John Pitcher and their families; and by a large, extended family.

A private memorial service was held for family members on May 14. Steve is being honored through random acts of kindness performed in his name.



Bob R. Lamontine

Bob R. Lamontine, 75, of Roswell, New Mexico, passed away peacefully at home on May 7, 2013 after a sixteen month battle with lung cancer. Bob was born October 27, 1937 to Elijah Ephraim Lamontine and Annie Margaret Simpson in Roswell, New Mexico. He was predeceased by his parents and his two brothers: James Derwood Lamontine and J.R. Lamontine.

He married Suzanne Blackburn in El Paso, Texas, June 4, 1960. They would have celebrated their fifty-third anniversary this June.

Bob is survived by his wife and two children: Gerald Wayne Lamontine (wife, Mary Ann) of Black Forest, Colo. and Elizabeth Anne Buck (David), of Tomball, Texas. In addition, he is survived by grandsons, Tyler Wayne Buck and Jarred Allen Buck; step-grandchildren, Richard Measmer (wife, Rebekah), and Sharon Measmer; step-great-grandchildren, Ethan, Jenna, Zach, Ian and Lyla Measmer. Also surviving are brothers-in-law, Richard Blackburn (wife, Sue) of Riverside, California and Lynn Blackburn of Phoenix, Ariz.

Bob served in the US Army in Korea and Ft. Bliss, Texas. He retired from the New Mexico Correction Department and was a member of the Country Club Church of Christ.

Bob was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and was a great-grandson of Victoria Peltier, daughter of Alexander and Josephine LaTranche Peltier.

His wife, Suzanne, spent many years researching the Peltier family for him and he was always proud of his Potawatomi heritage. He and Suzanne had attended two of the family gatherings in Shawnee, but were unable to attend the last two due to his failing health.

Bob enjoyed camping and RVing and thoroughly enjoyed a three week trip through Ariz., Utah, Colo., Wyo. and South Dakota, hitting all of the national parks and monuments. He also enjoyed several trips that included one to Chicago and one to the East Coast where he toured Gettysburg, Monticello, Mt. Vernon, Williamsburg and Washington, D.C.

Graveside services were held Friday, May 10, at South Park Cemetery, in Roswell, New Mexico.